

REMARKS

The Examiner has required that the present application be restricted, under 35 U.S.C. §§ 121 and 372, to one of the following four (4) groups of claims:

- Group I: Claims 1-10 and 12-19, drawn to a feed, fertilizer, and melanin production inhibitory agent;
- Group II: Claim 11, drawn to a method for breeding by administering a feed;
- Group III: Claim 20, drawn to a method of preparing a feed; and
- Group IV: Claims 21-23, drawn to a method for inhibiting melanin production and blackening/browning.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the invention defined by the Examiner as Group I, claims 1-10 and 12-19, drawn to a feed, fertilizer, and melanin production inhibitory agent.

This election is made without prejudice or disclaimer to any non-elected subject matter, and Applicants reserve the right to file one or more continuation and/or divisional applications directed to any non-elected subject matter.

In view of the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order. Such action is earnestly solicited.

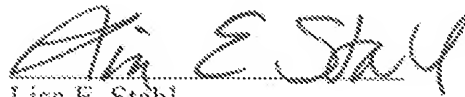
In the event that there are any questions related to this response, or the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney at the below-listed telephone number concerning such questions so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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